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Dear Members,

A lot has happened at Buffalo Creek Gun Club since we last published the newsletter. To recap:

- The Club is now a 501 (3)(C). This means that all contributions are tax deductible.
- A cover was built over the short range.
- We are now an IDPA affiliated club.

I hope you enjoy the Newsletter. Mike McCabe has dedicated a lot of time & effort for you.

Owen Maddox

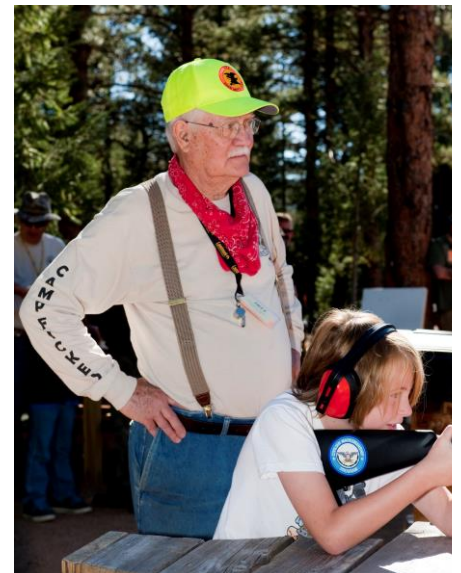
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Upcoming Events

Public Shooting Season

A reminder that during the public shooting season we are required to have gatekeepers present. Gatekeeper positions are still available for those wanting to satisfy a work day obligation. Those interested should contact Dabney Crump at dabney@dhcrump.com or 303-324-1084



Midrange Prone Match –April 2016

We opened the season with a great turnout for 2016 for Midrange Prone with 20 shooters, and we beat the snow by a week. Weather was great with high clouds and very little wind resulting in good scores. We started earlier than last year, but didn't get the first shots out until 0830. With the bugs worked out, we hope to start at 0800 next month as planned to get off the range early enough to miss the afternoon storms.

The high score was posted by Match Rifle shooter Josh Harless with a 594-25X. Martin Tritchler won Service Rifle with 567-19X. The Service Rifle and Match Rifle shooters outnumbered F-Class for the first time in a while, but the F-Class shooters did well. The Harless family led both F-TR and F-Open with Shane Harless Sr shooting 582-21X and Shane Harless Jr shooting 592-24X, respectively.

The next 80-Shot XTC Summer Match will be on August 20th, but don't forget about the Midrange Prone Match on August 21st, or the 80-Shot XTC Fall Match on September 17th.

-Jason Roosa

Sign up now to volunteer!

For those of you who want to ensure you get your choice of "work days" in for 2016, you can go to the BCGC website: bcgc.com. Click on the "GateKeeper Schedule", pick your desired work days & email them to Sam Morris or Dabney Crump. The 2016 "GateKeeper Schedule" is posted on the website.



In the Community

NRA Membership

Be sure to renew your NRA membership through the BCGC website.

If you want a multi-year extension for a much better deal, call Owen Maddox, NRA Recruiter, at 720-250-6075.

Not only do you save a lot on the membership, but the Club also gets a good rebate.

Three-year: \$85

Five-year: \$100

LIFE: \$1,000



IDPA:

The Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Club# CL790536, recently became an IDPA affiliated club. What is the IDPA? From the IDPA Website: "The International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) is the governing body of a shooting sport that simulates self-defense scenarios and real life encounters. It was founded in 1996 as a response to the desires of shooters worldwide. The organization now boasts membership of more than 22,000, including members in 50 foreign countries.



IDPA offers an exciting forum for practical shooters in which truly practical equipment, techniques and courses of fire are mandated. Prior to IDPA, there was no place to compete with common service pistols. There were no shooting sports where your concealed carry holster could also be your match holster without handicap.

In the Community

Missouri Bullet Company

Missouri Bullet Company gives BCGC members a 5% club discount on all orders.

The following discount code has been set up for our club:
bcgc-gc

The discount code should be entered in the promo box during check out (exactly as shown) in order to receive the 5% club discount.

<http://www.missouribullet.com/>

816-597-3204

T-Shirts are available:

You can take a look at our T-Shirts on the tab "BCGC Tradin Post."

Short Sleeves: \$15 each

Long Sleeves: \$20 each



When you come to an IDPA match, you can not only use your duty/CCW equipment, you can be completely competitive with it! Other shooting sports have become equipment “races”; IDPA will not.”

I had the opportunity to shoot a representative IDPA course of fire at one of the Steel Challenge Matches held last year. The stage was fun and challenging. Not overly difficult but there are a few more rules that one must bear in mind compared to a Steel Challenge Match. One of the things that differentiates IDPA from Steel Challenge is the use of barriers to simulate real life self-defense situations. Shooters must use the barrier to conceal themselves while firing at the targets.

-Mike McCabe

Buffalo Creek Gun Club

600yd Midrange Prone Match

10-Apr-2016

Bailey, CO

Division/Shooter	Class	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Aggregate	NRA #
Match Rifle						
Harless, Josh	HM	199 4 -X	197 11 -X	198 10 -X	594 25 -X	32949113
Monserud, Jim	MA	181 2 -X	179 1 -X	178 6 -X	538 9 -X	1689090
Forington, Don	HM	198 8 -X			198 8 -X	151039536
Crist, Thomas	EX		188 7 -X	197 8 -X	385 15 -X	5736754
Matthews, Jose	UNC		188 6 -X	176 1 -X	364 7 -X	
Match Rifle Optics						
Adair, Robert	MK	175 1 -X	181 5 -X	173 2 -X	529 8 -X	61957674
Service Rifle						
Tritschler, Martin	SS	194 7 -X	178 3 -X	195 9 -X	567 19 -X	11318995
Kieger, Bill	MK	190 3 -X	181 3 -X	189 6 -X	560 12 -X	161193697
Monturi-Matthews, Laura	SS	179 5 -X	186 3 -X	195 3 -X	560 11 -X	137414862
Roosa, Jason	MK	176 3 -X	193 3 -X	188 6 -X	557 12 -X	126852464
Adair, Rachel	UNC	173 2 -X	165 1 -X	189 5 -X	527 8 -X	215174893
Monturi, Jack	MK	173 5 -X	163 1 -X	156 0 -X	492 6 -X	14364133
Hill, Peter	MK	167 1 -X	163 2 -X	160 1 -X	490 4 -X	191627138
Crist, Thomas	EX	179 0 -X			179 0 -X	5736754
Matthews, Jose	UNC	162 0 -X			162 0 -X	
F-TR						
Harless, Shane Sr	EX	195 5 -X	196 8 -X	191 8 -X	582 21 -X	4867127
Summers, Michael	EX	190 4 -X	187 4 -X	190 3 -X	567 11 -X	155367865
Jordan, Anthony	MA	187 2 -X	192 3 -X	185 3 -X	564 8 -X	50018593
Denison, Pete	MK	183 3 -X	181 2 -X	188 3 -X	552 8 -X	7332327
Topoleski, Ted	SS	189 5 -X	188 2 -X	163 1 -X	540 8 -X	24761330
F-Open						
Harless, Shane Jr	UNC	198 9 -X	197 6 -X	197 9 -X	592 24 -X	
Catlin, Christopher	UNC	190 6 -X	189 1 -X	189 4 -X	568 11 -X	220850287

Why Shoot Steel Challenge?



Why shoot in the BCGC Steel Challenge? First and foremost, it's a blast (pun intended). What is Steel Challenge? It's a shooting competition based on the rules and courses of fire from the Steel Challenge Shooting Association (SCSA). The courses always have 5 steel plates, but the sizes, configurations, and distances vary from course to course. Each competitor shoots a specific course of fire 5 times in a row, hitting each target at least once, and times are recorded with penalties for not hitting a target at all. The worst time is tossed out and the other times are tallied for a total score on that course of fire. A total of 4 courses are shot, but a competitor doesn't necessarily have to shoot them all, however then their aggregate score will not count in the overall competition. Depending on how many shots it may take to hit the steel targets, shooters will usually burn through 120-180 rounds of ammo for the day. Enough for some great fun and good skills improvement, but not too much to break the bank.

Why do it? It's a great day at the range shooting in friendly competition. But it's actually much more than that. There are many great training benefits to shooting the Steel Challenge. Shooting steel, with the satisfying ping of the bullet impact, provides instant feedback. Sight alignment, sight picture, trigger squeeze, grip, stance, and recoil management all come in to play, and the instant feedback from both hits and misses will improve your shooting skills.

Even though it's friendly and low pressure, the timer and the competition will make you push yourself, and that's how you get better. It forces you to hone your skills, teaches you how to block out distractions, helps you evaluate your equipment such as sights, grips, weapons, and holsters, and greatly improves your gun fighting skills in case that day ever comes.

What does the Steel Challenge have in common with defensive shooting? More than you might think. If all you do at the range is slowly shoot at paper bull's-eye targets, you might have the best marksmanship skills, but your defensive shooting skills will not have been developed. In a gun fight, accuracy and speed are important. If the dirt bag shoots you first, it's most likely irrelevant how accurate you are. How do you shoot fast and accurate enough to hit your adversary and stop the threat? Depends on your skill level and distance to the target. Your eyes will look at the threat due to stress. You must know he's a threat anyway before you fire. But the best gun fighters I know always "see" their front sight. It may be out of focus, a partial post, and not evenly spaced inside the rear sight. It may even be completely above the rear sight, but that's okay. You're not concerned with tight groups, just tight enough to get several shots center mass. Some call it "combat focus," others call it a "flash sight picture." How perfect your sight picture and alignment must be depends on your skill level, how fast you need to blast, and the distance. This

correlates very well with the steel challenge. Shooting quickly at a 12” plate at 15 yards is similar to shooting a man at that distance or even closer. One common error in shooting steel, even for seasoned shooters, is to start focusing on the steel target, ignoring the front sight. Subconsciously, everyone wants to see the hit. This causes a lot of misses with steel, but if you force yourself to “see” your sights, especially the front sight, you’ll start hitting again, thus reinforcing that skill. Just like you would need to force yourself to “see” the sights in a gunfight where the perp is more than just a few feet away. This correction should be done even in the middle of a course of fire. Starting to miss? Force yourself to slow down a tiny bit and “see” your sights just enough to start hitting again; It’s great training.

For BCGC members, the Steel Challenge is free your first time, after that it costs only \$5. If you want an unlimited life membership in the Steel Challenge, the cost is only \$100. Bring a lunch, watch some of the better shooters, get some tips on how to improve, and enjoy the day. You’ll improve your shooting and develop some real defensive shooting skills.

-Mike Pope